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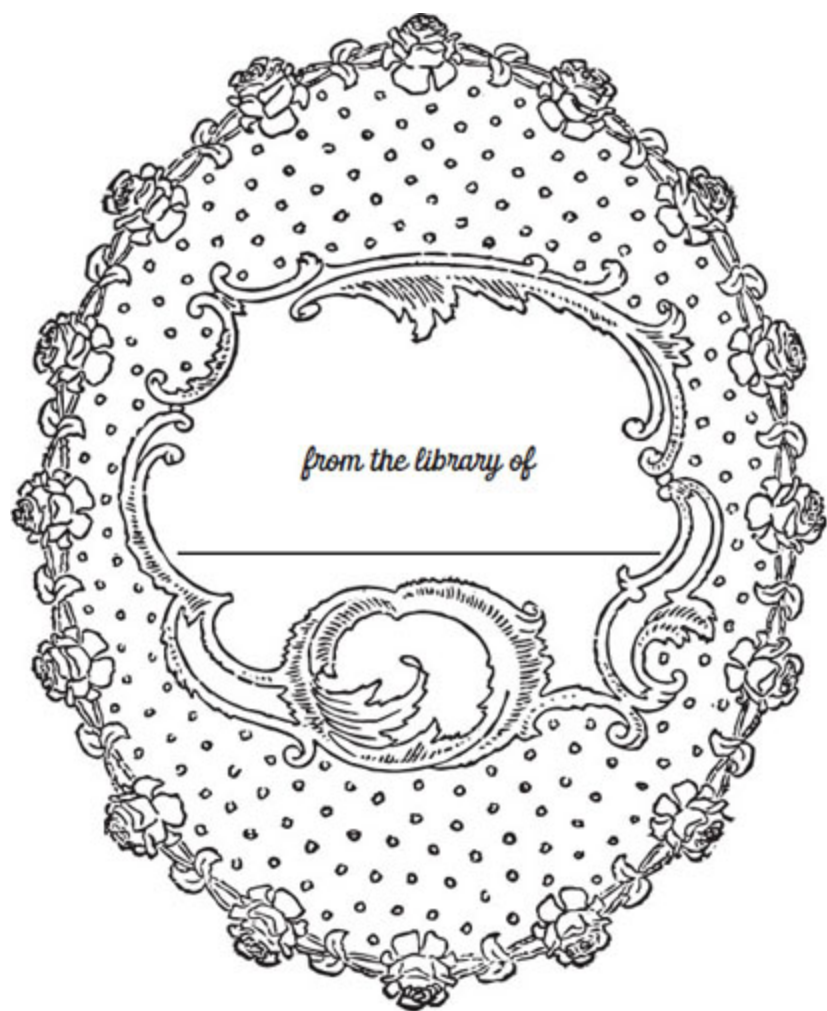


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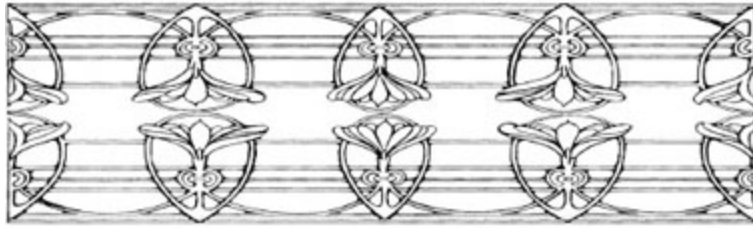
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When gender is a binary, it's a battlefield. When you get rid
of the binary, gender becomes a playground.

—Kate Bornstein

You are amazing grace.

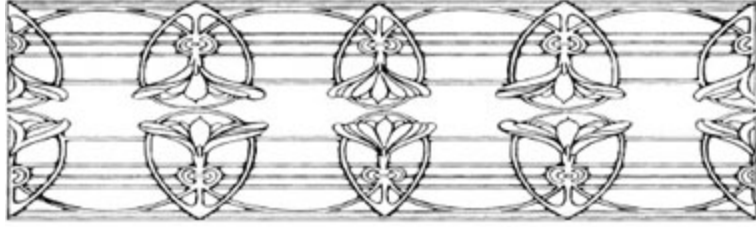
You are a precious jewel.

You—special, miraculous, unrepeatable, fragile, fearful,
tender, lost, sparkling ruby emerald jewel, rainbow splendor
person.

—Joan Baez

The soul that lives inside this body will not be ignored. I am
here to stay.

—RuPaul



QUESTIONS FOR THOUGHT

How do you define gender?

In what ways is gender a spectrum?

What would the world look like without a gender binary?

How has the proliferation of a gender binary impacted you?

In what ways do you feel confined or restricted by your assigned gender?

Was the gender assigned to you the one you feel most comfortable with?

In what ways do you play with gender?

What privileges do you or don't you have due to the gender you have been labeled?

What is your gender story?

What do you love about gender?

Are there ways in which your gender identity has been silenced or judged?

In what ways do you resist or embrace gender fluidity?

How do you celebrate gender in your life?

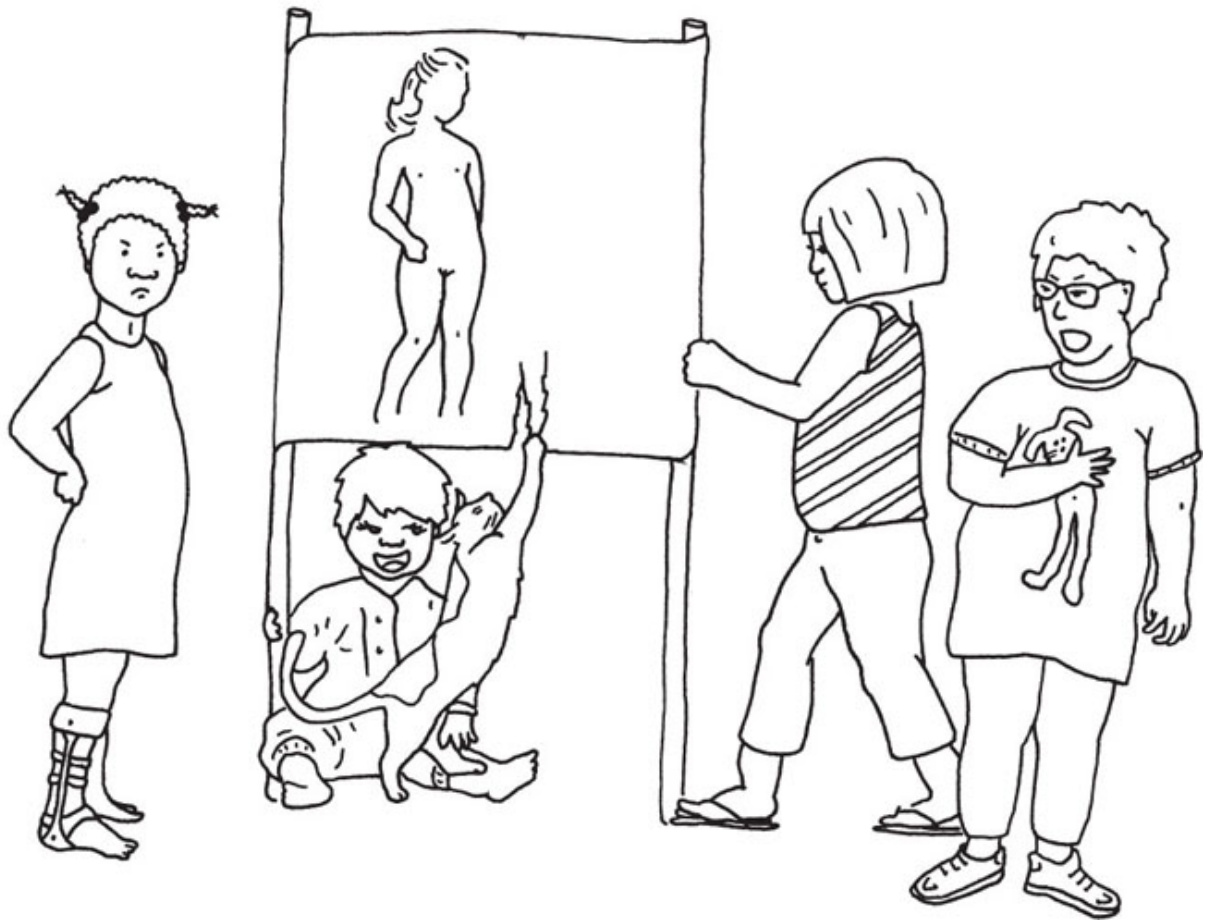
What is the future of gender?



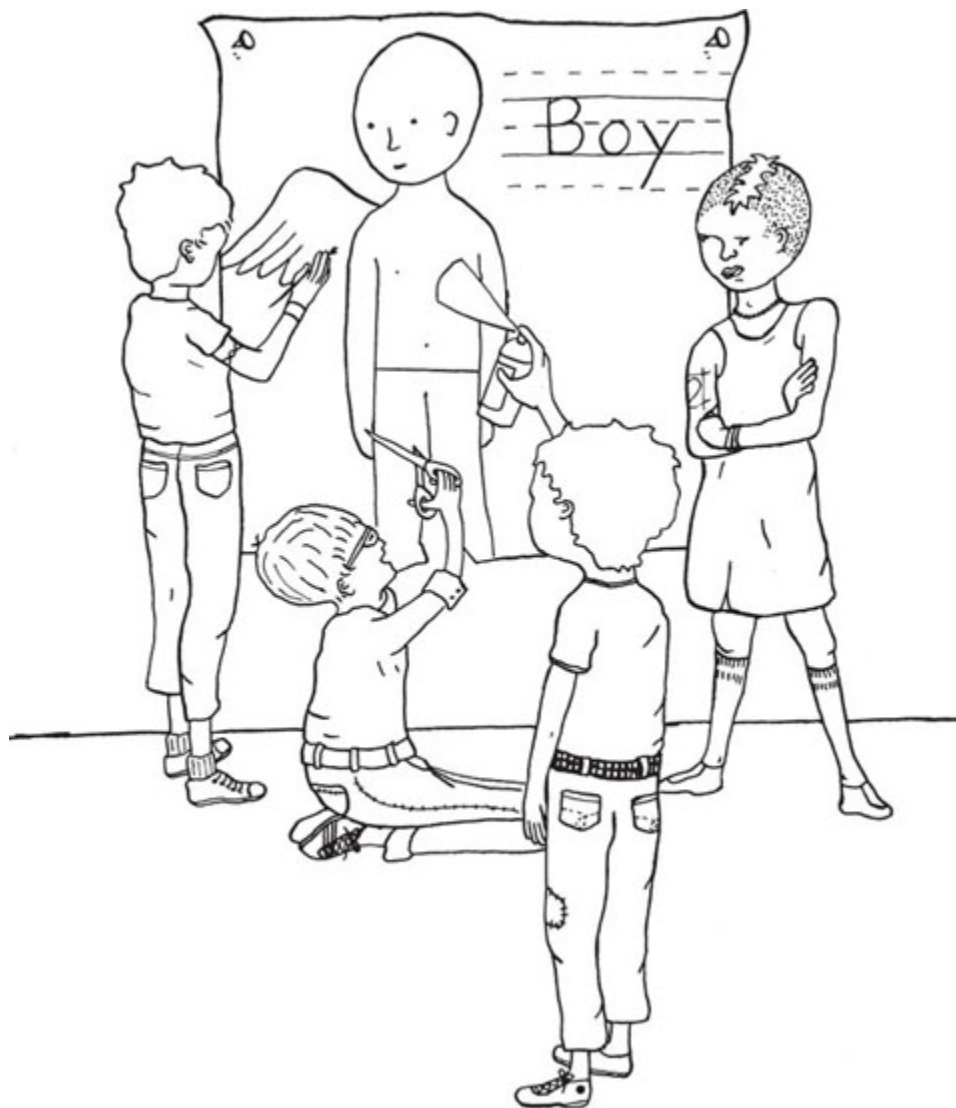
Don't let gender box you in.



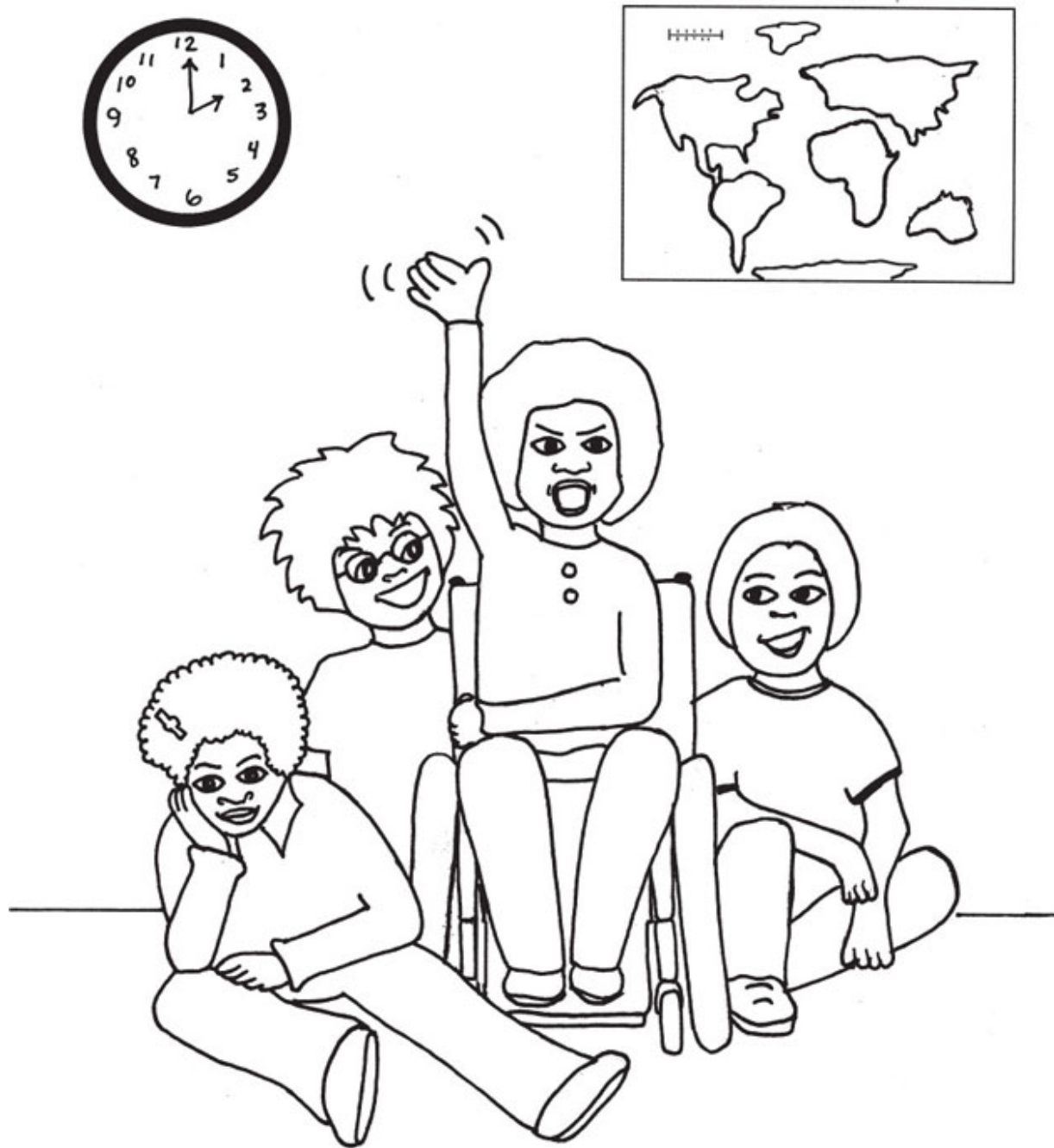
Toys have no gender.



We'll decide for ourselves what girls can be.



There's more to being boys than what they told
us.



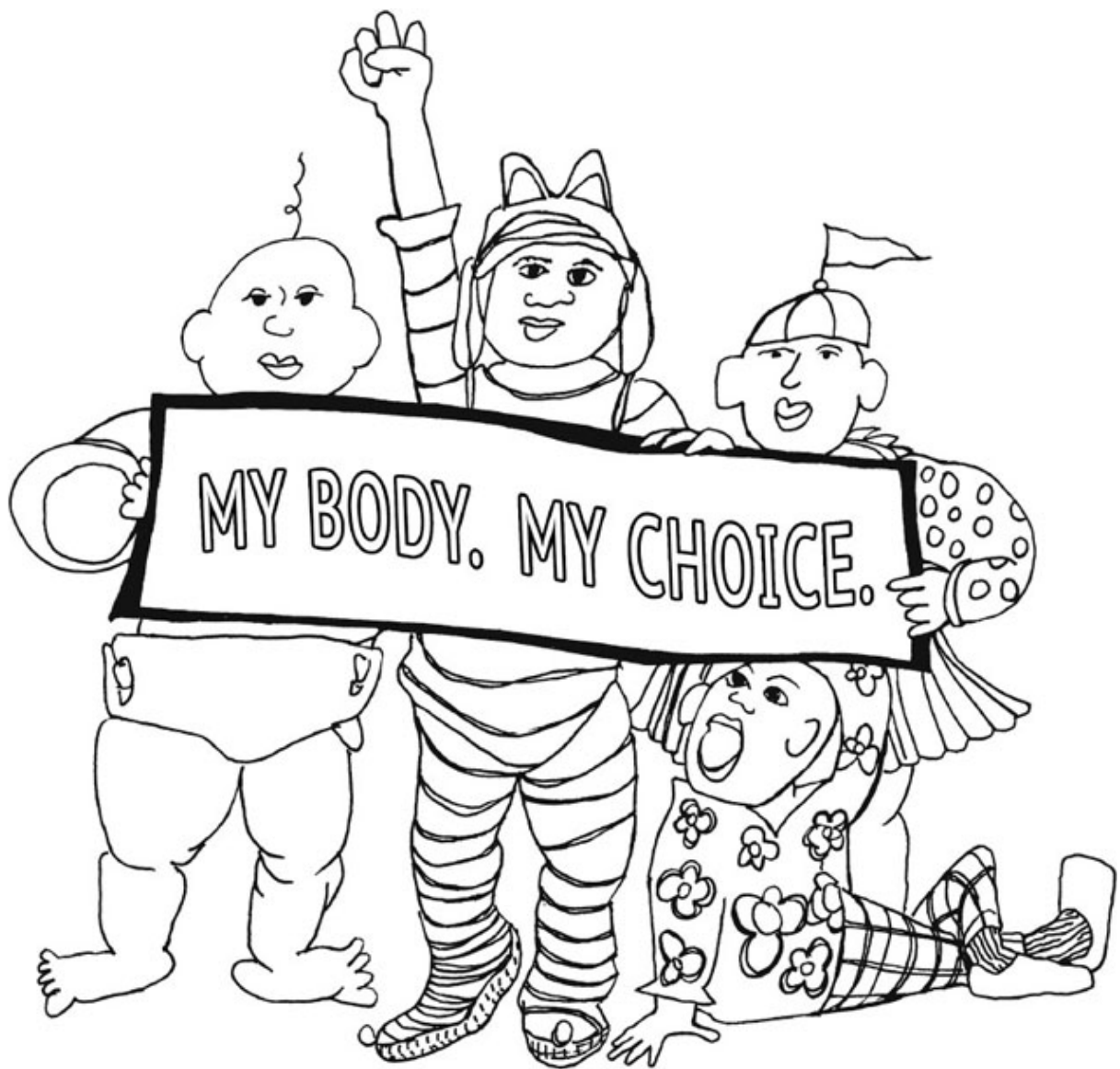
Enough about our forefathers, let's learn about
some revolutionary drag kings and queens!



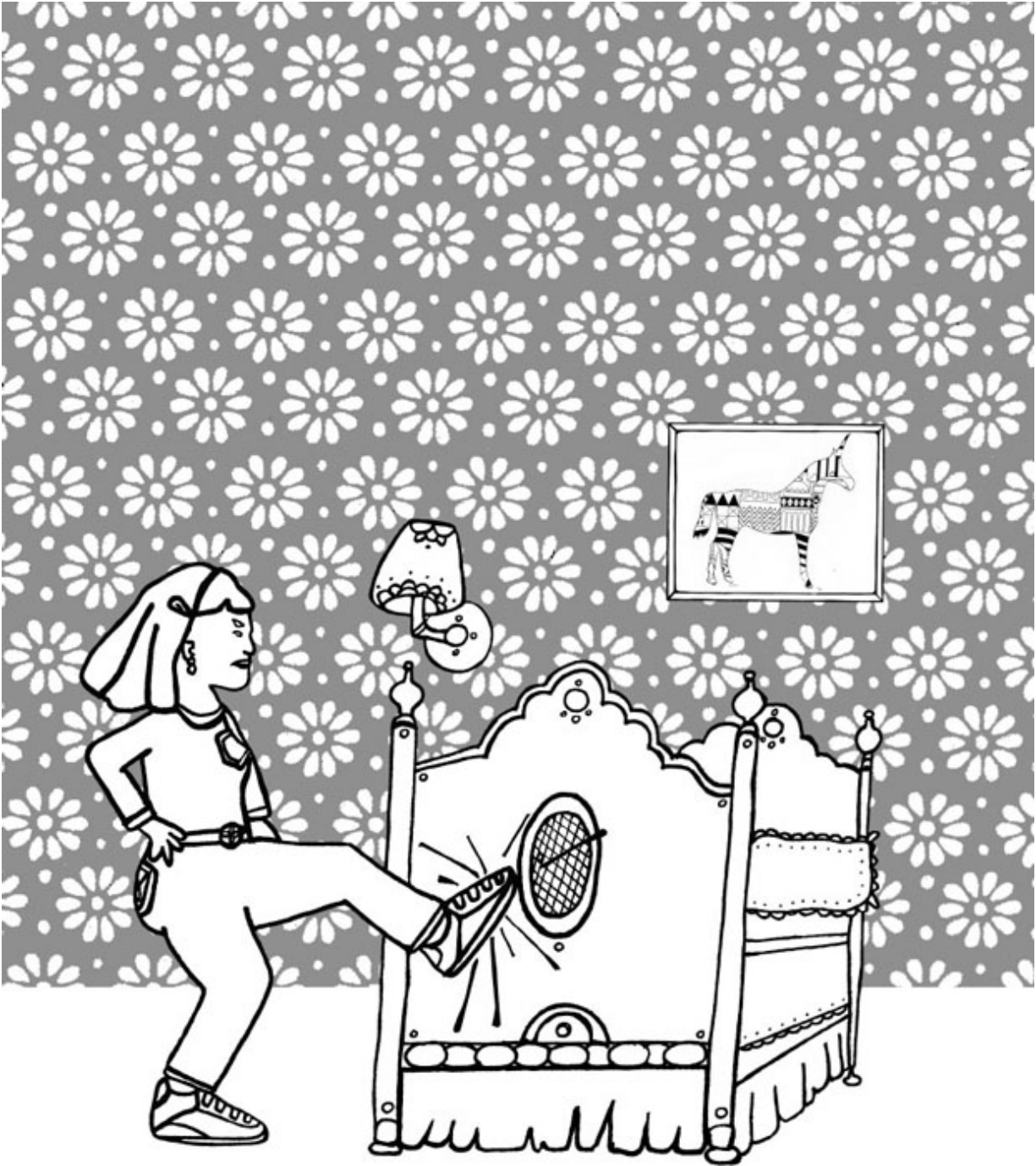
This life is filled with heroic handsome
beauties.



Boys on strike.



Babies against gender assignment.



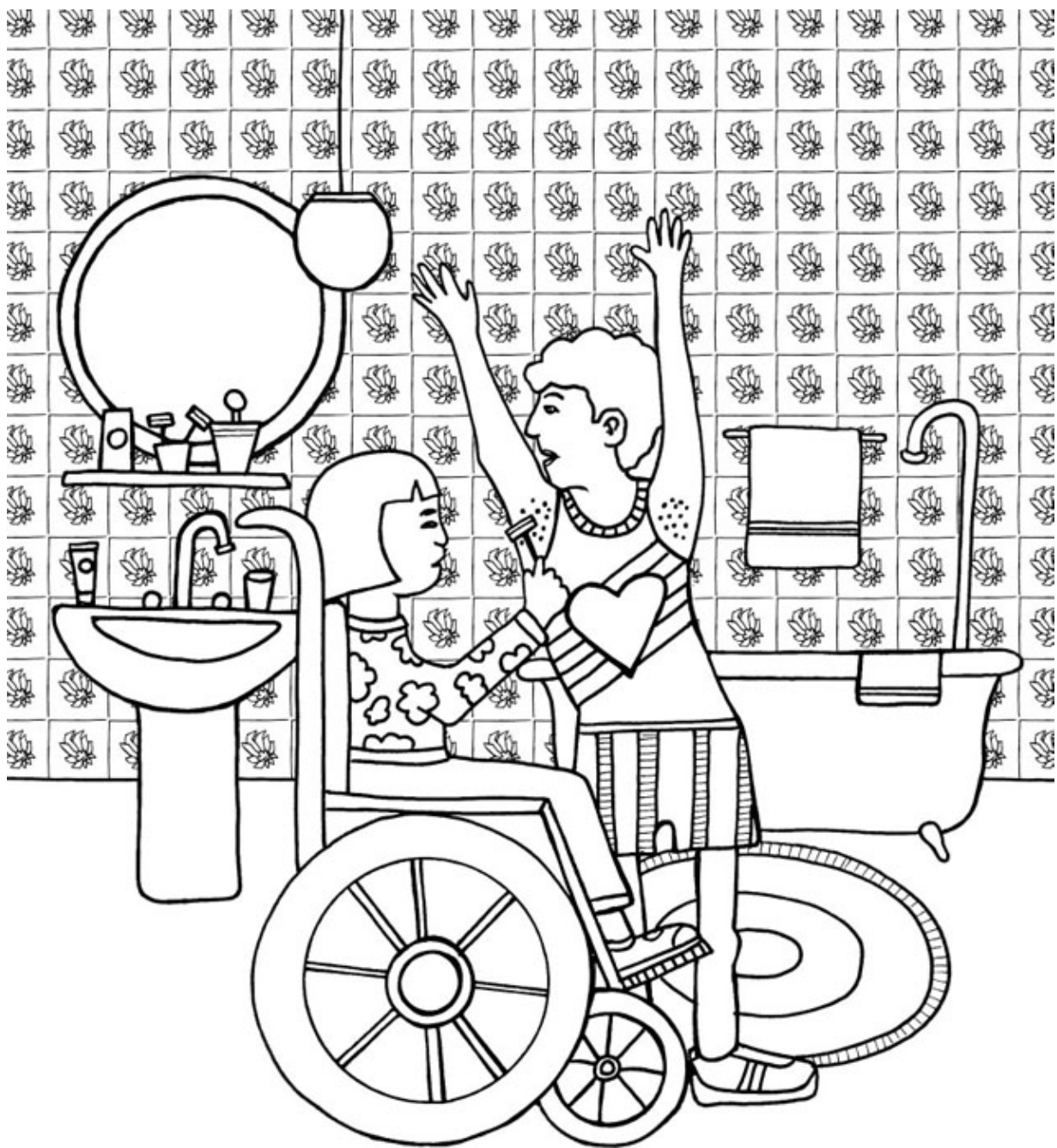
How's this for ladylike?!



Sometimes the princess is saved by the friend
next door.



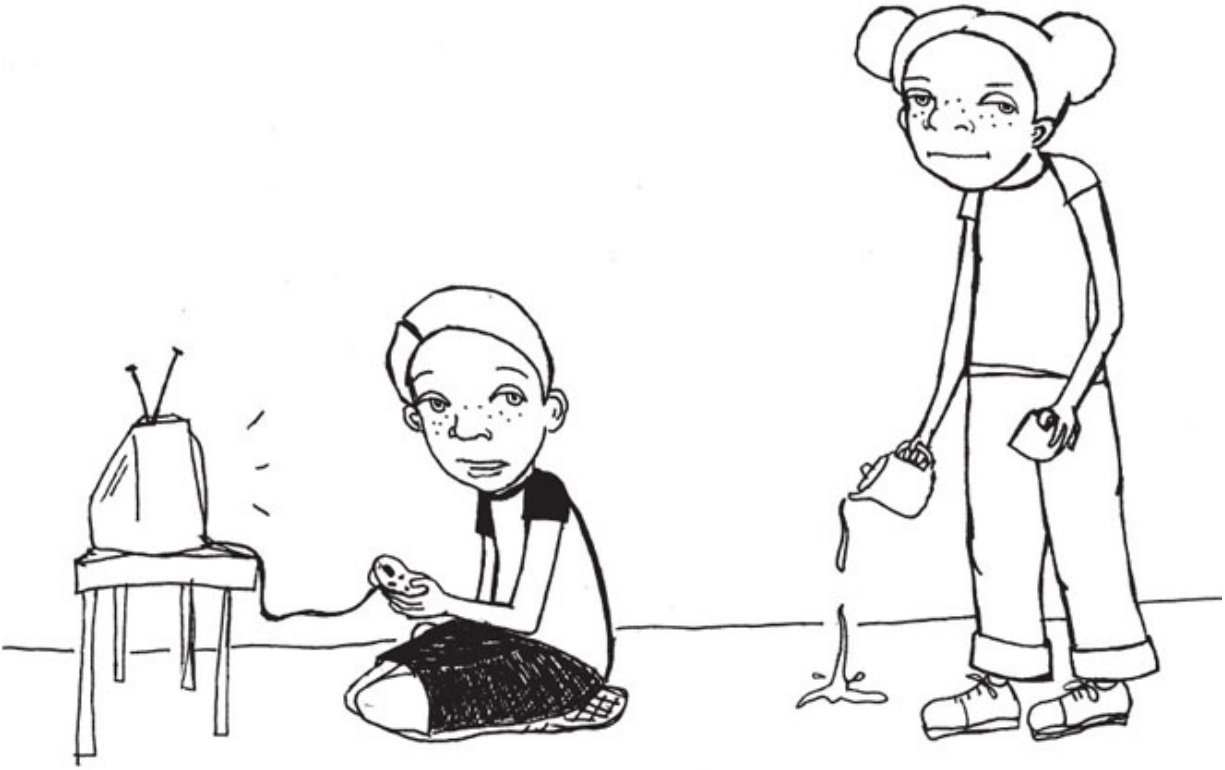
I should have worn a skirt.
The pants bathroom is all full.



See what I mean? You wouldn't like it either!



I'm not about that, mom!



At the age of five, I decided to stop serving him.



Hug Club.



Grandpa, when we finish knitting, can we
bake quiche together?



Cole likes to nurture...



...and be nurtured.



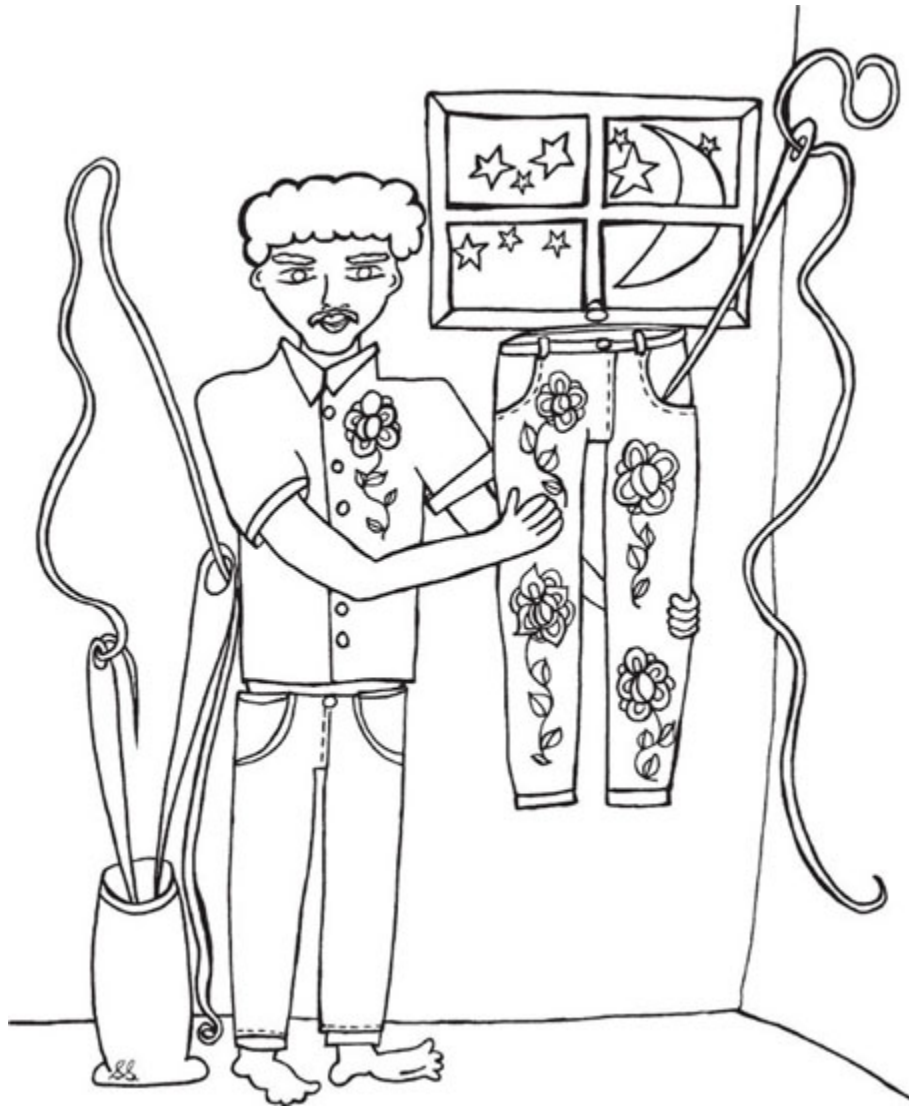
I guess Mom really meant it when she said she wasn't doing the dishes anymore.



What's in your gender recipe?



Keetin is getting ready to teach the neighborhood how to fix a flat.



Stanley sews slacks on Super Bowl Sunday.



Me and my boy Tommy got 98% on our Man Tests. What did you get?



The future is gender fabulous.



Dad, after we're done tidying the living room,
let's go clean up toxic masculinity together.



Aunt Wanda really knows machines.



Rise up. The future is ours. Together we shall prevail.



Thank goodness there's no more prix fixe menu!



You are the gender of your wildest dreams.

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